

## **FISCAL NOTE**

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate  
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: March 31, 1995

SUBJECT: **SB 1406 - HB 1440**

This bill, if enacted, will require that all vehicles, including buses, purchased after the effective date of the act to be owned, operated or leased by a school system and used to transport students must be equipped with safety belts for the driver and all passengers. After July 1, 1999 all such vehicles owned, operated or leased by a school system shall be equipped with safety belts. The Department of Safety is to establish specifications and requirements for safety belts and attachments. The state Board of Education shall promulgate rules to implement the act, including a requirement to post signs in motor vehicles to remind passengers to wear safety belts.

The fiscal impact on state expenditures from enactment of this bill will be minimal in the first year, but will increase expenditures for the four year period from Fiscal Year 1996 to 1999 as follows:

	Cost Per	Number of Buses		Annual		
	<u>Bus</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
Current Total			6,334			
FY 1996	\$ 1,800	515		\$ 927,000	\$ -	\$ 927,000
FY 1997	1,800	515		927,000	463,500	463,500
FY 1998	1,800	515		927,000	463,500	463,500
FY 1999	1,800	<u>515</u>	<u>4,274</u>	<u>8,620,200</u>	<u>4,310,100</u>	<u>4,310,100</u>
TOTAL		2,060	4,274	\$ 11,401,200	\$ 5,237,100	\$ 6,164,100

According to the Department of Education Local Education Agencies will assume the full first year cost, and thereafter the Basic Education Program Non-Classroom Formula will share the cost equally between state and local governments.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director